

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Doug Mood, Vice Chairman
Brad Molnar, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Ken Toole, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Utility Division

(300) In the matter of D2008.7.91: MDU Resources Group, Inc. On July 31, 2008, MDU Resource Group, Inc., applied for authority to issue over a two-year period \$1,000,000,000 of long term financing in the following amounts: (1) the issuance of not to exceed \$1,000,000,000 of the Company's Common Stock; (2) the issuance of not to exceed \$150,000,000 of the Company's Preferred Stock and/or Preferred Stock A; (3) the issuance of not to exceed \$350,000,000 of the Company's secured debt securities; (4) the issuance of not to exceed \$350,000,000 of stock purchase, contracts and (5) the issuance of not to exceed \$350,000,000 of hybrid securities such as convertible or unconvertible preferred securities, putable or callable instruments.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve MDU Resource Group, Inc.'s application to issue securities for a two year period. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(301) In the matter of TN2406: R Double S, LLC dba Miles City Sanitation Service, Miles City, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 9418 to Miles City Sanitation Service LLC, Miles City, Montana for a six month period, August 19, 2008 to February 19, 2009.

Commissioner Molnar moved to approve the lease as requested. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(302) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of August 11, 2008:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of August 11, 2008. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(303) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.4.36: In the matter of the investigation of NorthWestern Corporation's compliance with Order 6505e:

Motion #1: Commissioner Raney moved to grant the protective order regarding portions of the coal supply agreement. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Motion #2: Commissioner Mood moved to grant NorthWestern Energy's motion for a protective order regarding company-wide forward-looking financial projections and financial modeling, but not the inputs to, including the assumptions, or outputs from the financial modeling. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(304) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.6.69 and D2008.4.36: In the matter of the application by NorthWestern Energy for approval of Colstrip Unit 4 as electricity supply resource under certain terms and conditions in compliance with Order 6505e.

Commissioner Raney moved to grant *Pro Hac Vice* application for John P. Coyle. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(305) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.6.69: In the matter of the Application by NorthWestern Corporation for approval of its Interest in Colstrip Unit 4 as an Electricity Supply Resource Under Certain Terms and Conditions Including Certain Treatment of Net Operating Losses.

Commissioner Toole moved to modify Order 6925 to require NorthWestern Energy to prefile rebuttal testimony by August 29, 2008, with contemporaneous filing of all work papers, supporting documents, and data sources. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Sarah Carlson, Public Relations

(306) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Tribal Relations Report pursuant to §§2-15-141 through 2-15-143 MCA:

Commissioner Raney moved to submit the 2008 State Tribal Relations Report. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Vice Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

KEN TOOLE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Verna Stewart
Commission Secretary

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